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New York City



As an Enrolled Republican you are entitled to vote at the primary elections to be held on Staten Island on Tuesday, March 26, 1912. Your ballot will help to determine who is to be the next President. Vote under the square for the Roosevelt delegates, George S. Husch and Wm. Wirt Mills. Polls open at 3 p.m.; close at 9 p.m. See back of this booklet.

Staten Island, New York's Most Beautiful Borough

By WILLIAM WIRT MILLS

AT the entrance to the largest and finest harbor in the world, with its vast expanse of deep water and extensive anchorages, stands a hilly island of great natural beauty, its seven hills forming a terraced range which commands an unbroken view of the Atlantic Ocean and of New York Bay.

Discovered in 1609 by Hendrik Hudson, named Staaten Eylandt in honor of the States General of Holland, this Island became the County of Richmond, and on Jan. 1, 1898, was incorporated into the City of New York as the Borough of Richmond.

As early as 1636 a block house was erected on the site of Fort Wadsworth, at the Narrows, and in 1638 David Pietersen De Vries settled Oude Dorp (New Town) on the site of Arrochar. But the Aquchonga Indians were not friendly and it was not until 1658 that a permanent settlement was effected at Stony Brook, now in the town of New Dorp. In 1700 there were some 200 families on Staten Island.

The U. S. Census showed 85,969 inhabitants in April, 1910; the city Health Department estimates the population at 92,669 in March, 1912.

Staten Island, with natural advantages of light, air, and healthfulness, has entered upon a period of rapid development. In five years 4,069 new dwellings have been erected, 2,872 of them dwellings, and \$15,255,679 has been spent on new structures and on improvements to 2,564 old ones. The new buildings included 138 factories, 223 business buildings, 13 schools and 11 churches. In the first two months of 1912 plans were filed for 113 new buildings to cost \$957,175.

Made easily accessible from Manhattan by the finest and swiftest ferry in the world, which carries 13,500,000 passengers a year, Staten Island has become the most desirable residence place for those seeking healthy homes within easy reach of their business.

The ferry service to St. George, 65 boats a day, has been supplemented by a municipal line to Stapleton, and another set of boats will ply from the Battery to Port Richmond, while there are three ferries to New Jersey—from Port

Richmond to Bergen Point, Howland Hook to Elizabethport and Tottenville to Perth Amboy.

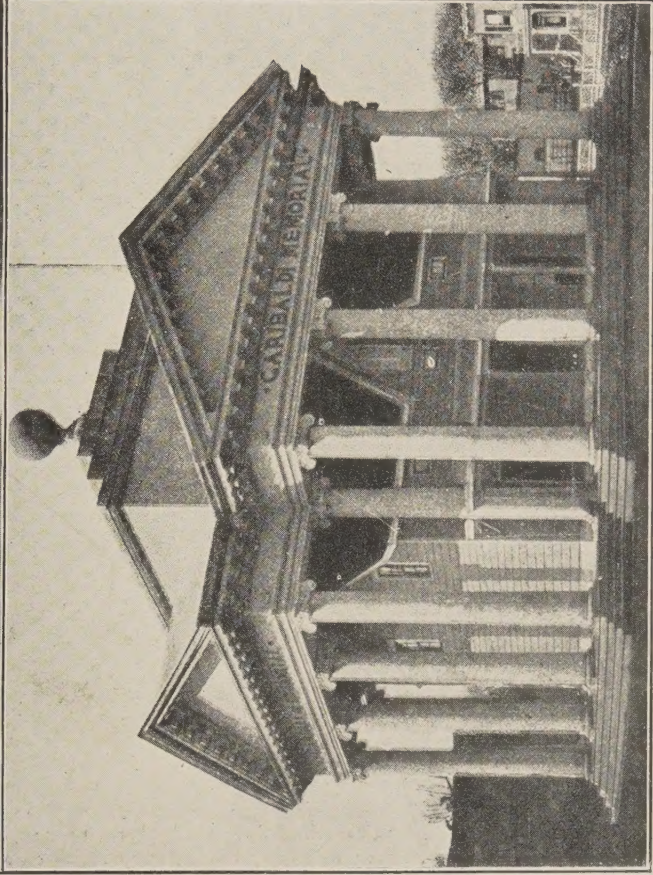
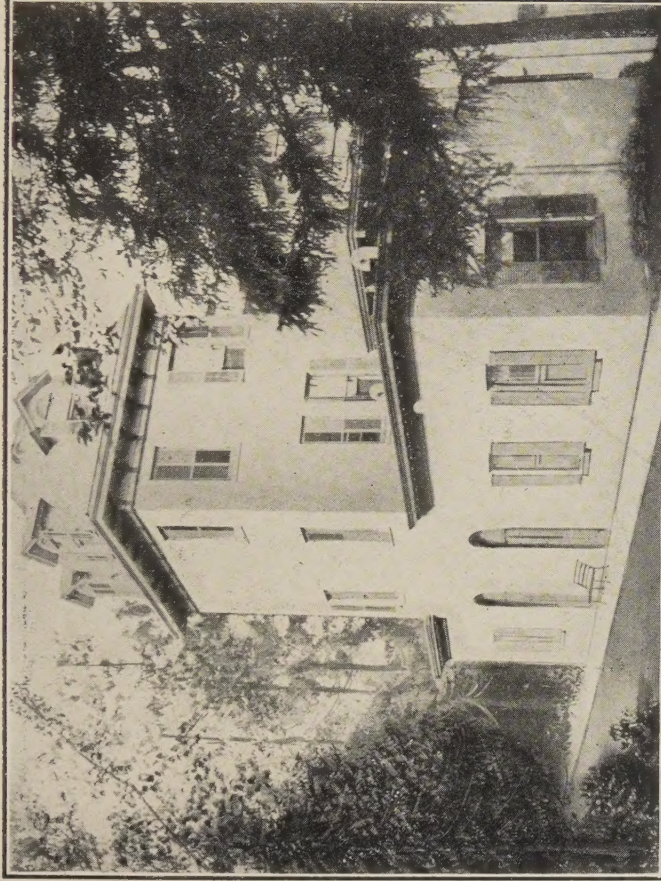
Between these ferries and the three-score towns of the Island are 47 miles of steam railroads and 59 miles of trolley lines, carrying 34,000,000 passengers annually, on roads worth, with equipment, \$13,000,000.

Three tunnels, with swift electric trains, are to unite the Island yet more closely to Manhattan. The Fourth Avenue subway, to be built from the Manhattan Bridge through Brooklyn to Fort Hamilton, is to be extended under the Narrows into Staten Island, affording quick and direct transit to and from Manhattan. The Hudson & Manhattan Railroad, now connecting New Jersey by tunnels under the Hudson with the financial and shopping districts of Manhattan, proposes an extension to Bergen Point and thence under the Kill van Kull to Staten Island, with lines along the North and West shores. The once amazing project of a tunnel nearly six miles long, under New York Bay from the Battery to Staten Island, has been found to be perfectly feasible, and is among the improvements confidently expected within a few decades.

These are some of the factors that account for rapid appreciation of realty values in Staten Island, such as the case of a farm near New Dorp, bought for \$11,000, sold five times within the year, the last purchaser paying \$50,000; or the tract on Brighton Heights, bought at \$500 an acre and sold a year later at \$2,000.

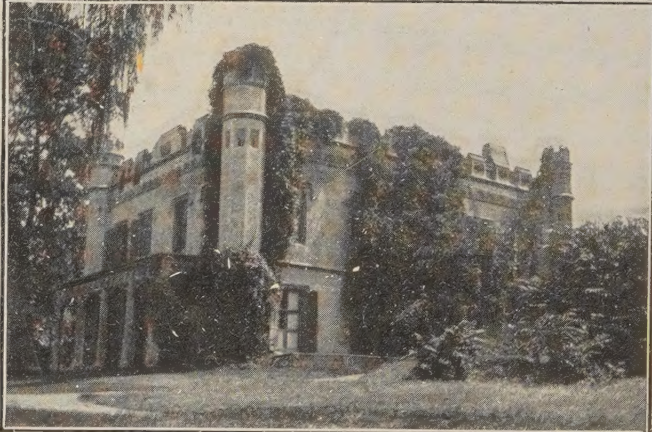
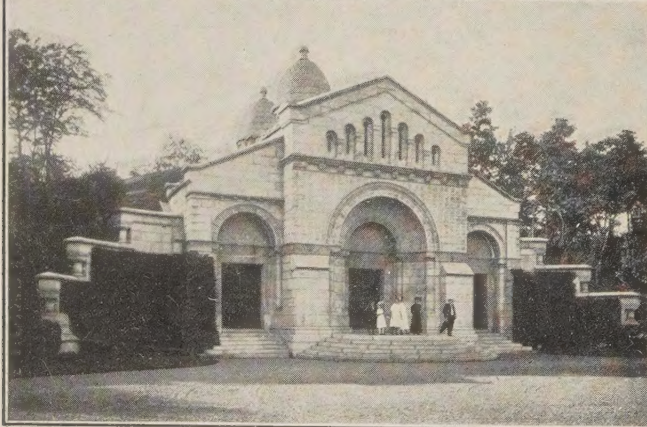
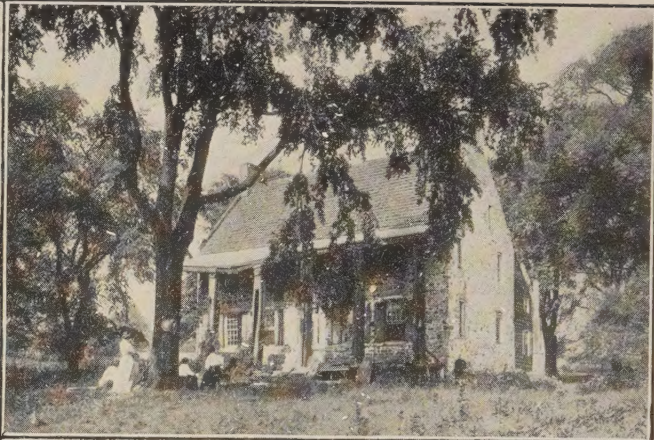
Staten Island combines with attractions as a residence locality advantages for manufacturing, being the eastern terminus of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad system, and having a vast waterfront within the free lighterage district of the port of New York. Along the North Shore waterfront property has increased in value to \$250 a foot front, while on the East shore, where there is room for piers 1700 feet long, the value is \$500 a foot. All of Staten Island's waterfront is accessible to vessels of deepest draught.

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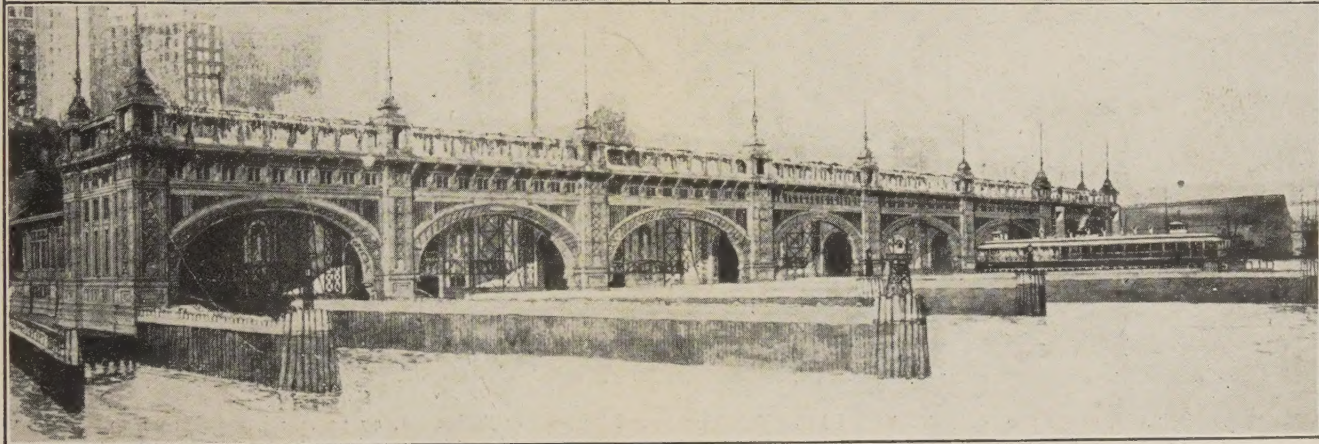
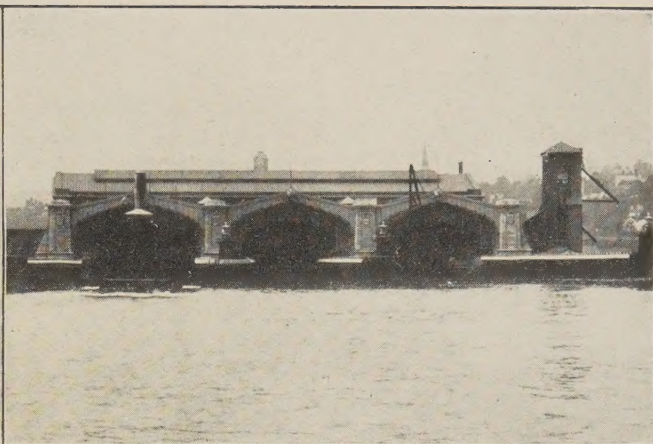
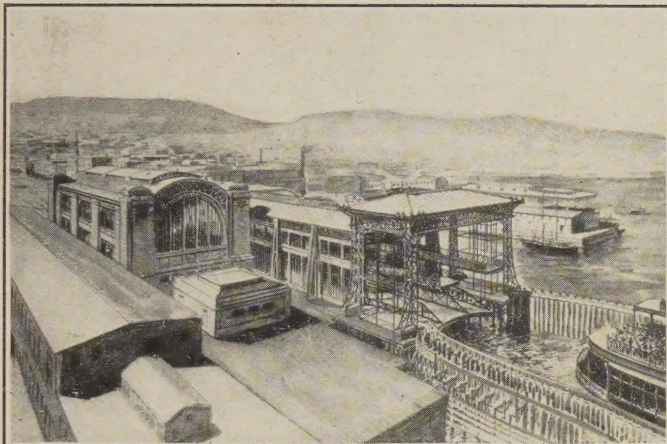
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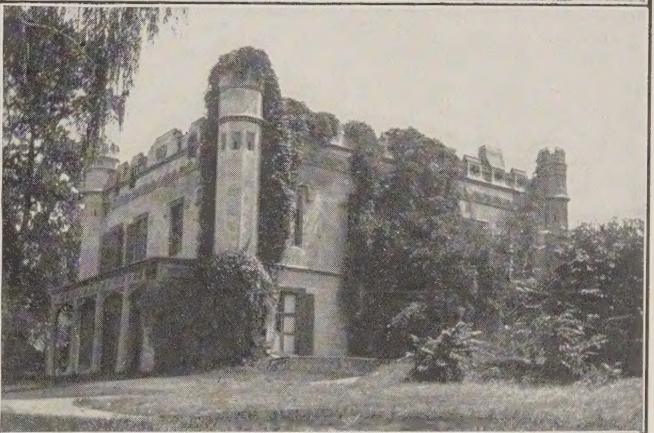
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FOR THESE REASONS

I am standing as a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention.

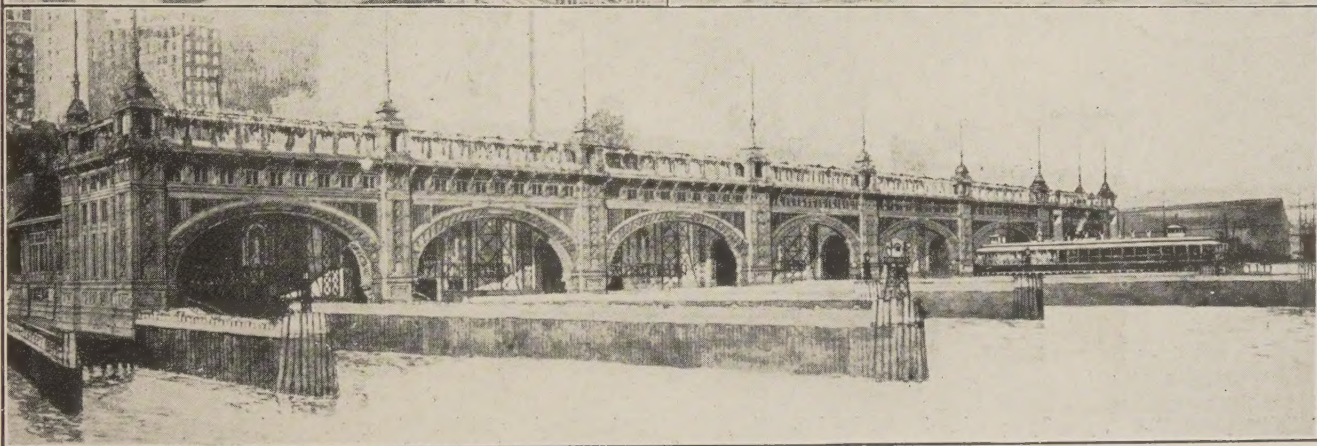
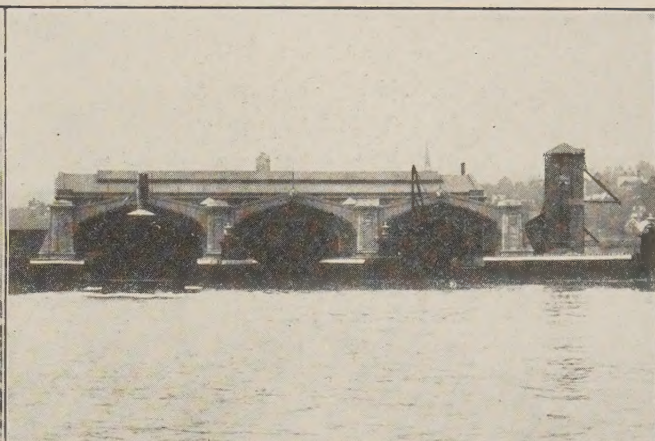
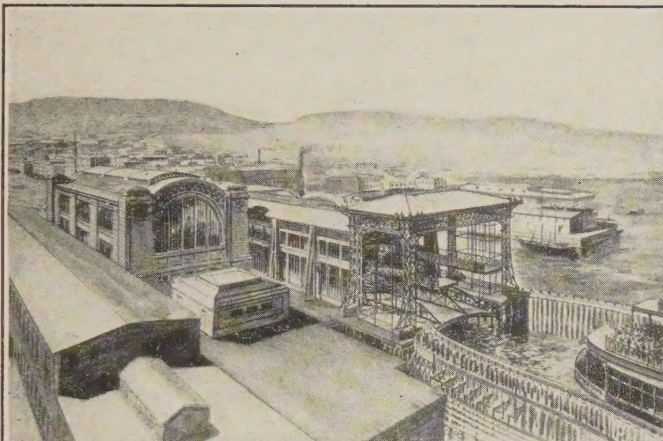
As an actual resident of Staten Island, I ask your vote at the primaries on Tuesday, March 26. The other Roosevelt candidate from this Congress District, which includes the lower end of Manhattan Island, is George S. Husch.

Will you kindly send me the names of any Roosevelt supporters you may know among the Republicans of Staten Island?

Wm. Wirt Miles

249 Manor Road, West New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.

'Phone, 947 West New Brighton.



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STATEN ISLAND SHIPBUILDING CO., Port Richmond, on Kill van Kull; showing replica of Robert Fulton's Clermont, built for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, 1909; large plant, AMERICAN DOCK & TRUST CO., large cotton docks and warehouses at Tompkinsville.



MARINER'S HARBOR NAT'L BANK; deposits, \$230,000; resources, \$400,000; 5 National and 2 Savings banks on Staten Island. PORT RICHMOND NAT'L BANK, deposits, \$590,000; resources \$825,000. Total deposits Staten Island banks, \$7,000,000. J. B. KING & COMPANY, plaster mills, New Brighton, on Kill van Kull; the largest in the world; capital, \$600,000.



STANDARD VARNISH WORKS, Elm Park, on the Kill van Kull; established in 1870, incorporated in 1887, moved to present site 1892; now one of the largest manufactories of varnishes and enamels in the world; plant consists of 45 buildings and sheds occupying seven acres; factories also in Chicago, Toronto, London and Paris; famous for high grade and durable carriage and automobile varnishes.



C. W. HUNT COMPANY, West New Brighton, on the Kill van Kull; established 1872; incorporated 1886, manufacturers of machinery for handling coal that is used in all parts of the world; narrow gauge industrial railways; electric locomotives; steam and electric hoisting machinery; equipment for handling coal and ashes in large power plants; the works, among the most important on Staten Island, covers seven acres.



STATEN ISLAND, view from Grymes Hill, showing New Brighton at the left, with the tower of the Borough Hall at St. George, and Tompkinsville at the right. The East Shore reaches three miles from St. George along N. Y. Bay. Newark Bay to opposite Elizabethport, N. J. The East Shore reaches three miles from St. George along N. Y. Bay. Sound separate the Island from New Jersey. The greatest length of the Island is 15 miles, from St. George to Tottenville, through Grymes Hill, Emerson Hill,



with the American Docks. St. George is $5\frac{1}{3}$ miles southwest from the Battery, Manhattan, across New York Bay. The North Shore stretches 6 miles
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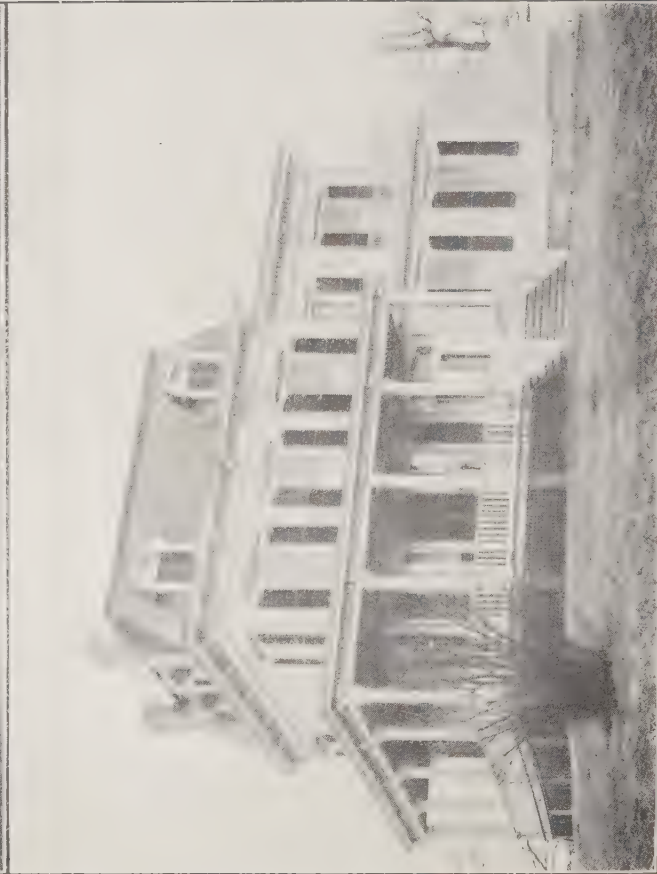
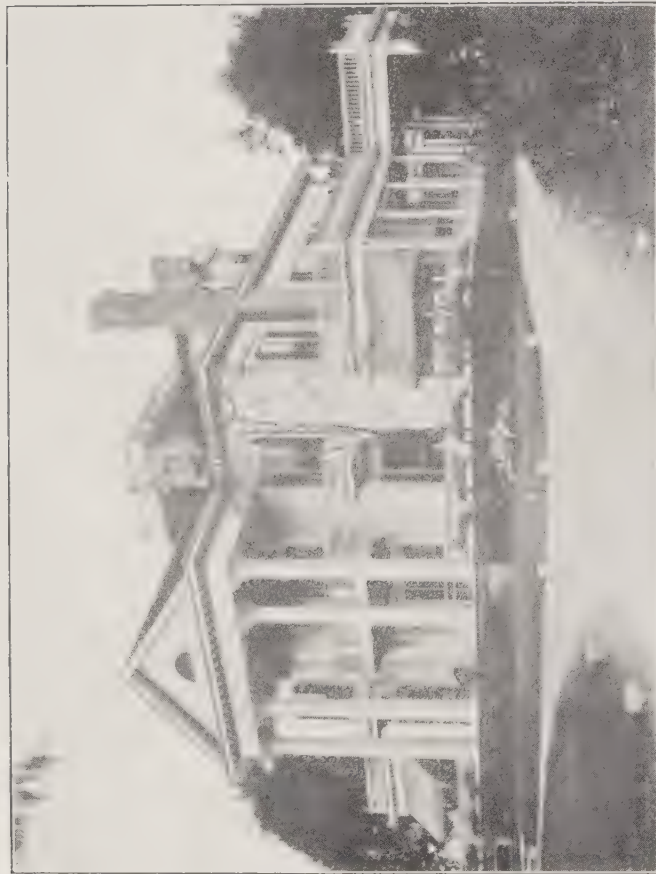
RICHMOND COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Richmond; one of the oldest public buildings in Greater New York; now little used; modern county jail in the rear; two miles from railroad; reached by trolley car.



U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL, Fort Wadsworth Military Reservation.
QUARANTINE STATION, Clifton, where all incoming ships are boarded by health officers to guard against importation of diseases.



CHURCHES. (1) Park Baptist Church, Broadway, Port Richmond, founded 1840. (2) Calvary Presbyterian, West New Brighton, 1873. (3) St. Andrew's Episcopal, Richmond, 1708, one of the oldest churches in this part of the country. There are 74 churches on Staten Island, with 32,000 members, church property valued at \$2,500,000. One of the oldest is the Moravian Church at New Dorp, 1763.



WILLIAM S. VAN CLIEF'S RESIDENCE, 215 Manor Road, West New Brighton;
 president Staten Island Chamber of Commerce; president Richmond County Fair.
 WM. WIRT MILLS' RESIDENCE, 249 Manor Road, West New Brighton; author, editor.



LIVERMORE AVENUE, looking toward Richmond Turnpike. RICHMOND TURNPIKE, from Bradley Ave., Jewett Ave. at left.
 BRADLEY AVENUE, typical view in unexcelled residence district, on high ground, with two trolley lines connecting with St. George
 and Bergen Point ferries. Here the ground slopes toward the Kill van Kull and the Staten Island Sound, affording fine views.



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SCHOOLS. (1) Public School 30, Westerleigh, 522 pupils. (2) West New Brighton Public School, 1350 pupils, largest on Island. (3) Curtis High School, New Brighton, 872 pupils. There are 34 public schools with 15,000 pupils, 440 teachers; salaries, \$700,000 a year; Six private schools include Academy of the Blessed Sacrament, Livingston School and Staten Island Academy. Seven parochial schools.

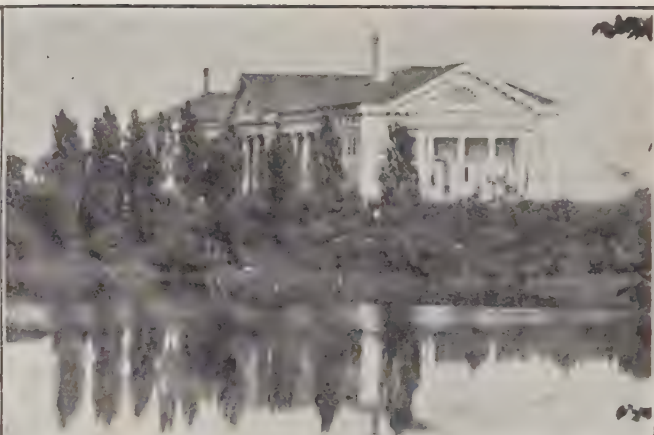


FORT WADSWORTH. (1) Headquarters. (2) Fort Wadsworth, triple casemate of granite on water's edge. (3) Entrance to reservation of 100 acres. (4) Fort Tompkins, 140 ft. high, interior, showing barracks. Strong fortification at the Narrows; with Fort Hamilton, on the opposite side, securely commands entrance to harbor. Battery Hudson, to south, equipped with mortars for shelling fleet.



STATEN ISLAND BEACHES. (1) South Beach, near Fort Wadsworth. (2) Midland Beach, further south; both on the Lower Bay; both reached by steam railroad and trolley cars from St. George. Modern beach resorts, with many forms of entertainment, restaurants, Ferris wheels, scenic railways, sea bathing and boating; chief rivals of Coney Island. Steamboat from Battery to Midland Beach in summer.

Photographed 1912



GEORGE CROMWELL'S HOME, Dongan Hills; first borough president of Richmond, 4 times re-elected; breeder hackney horses.

RICHMOND BEACH PARK, 1700 ft. on Lower Bay; 70 acres; fresh water lake; fine buildings erected by Chas. M. Schwab.

FOX HILLS GOLF CLUB, Clifton; founded 1900; 215 members.



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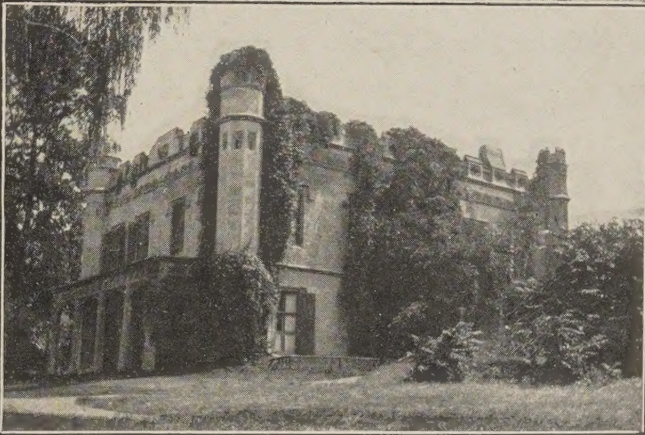
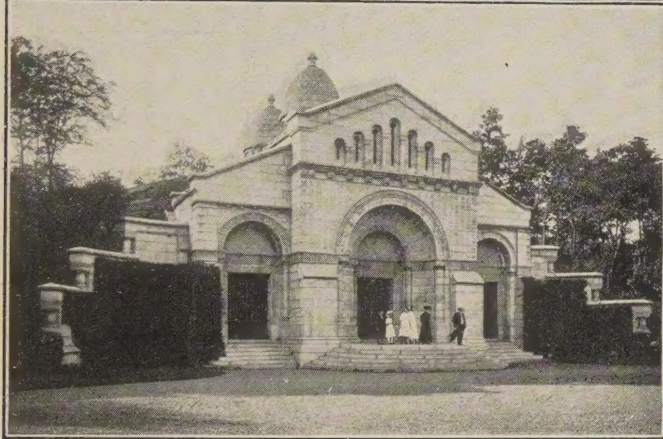
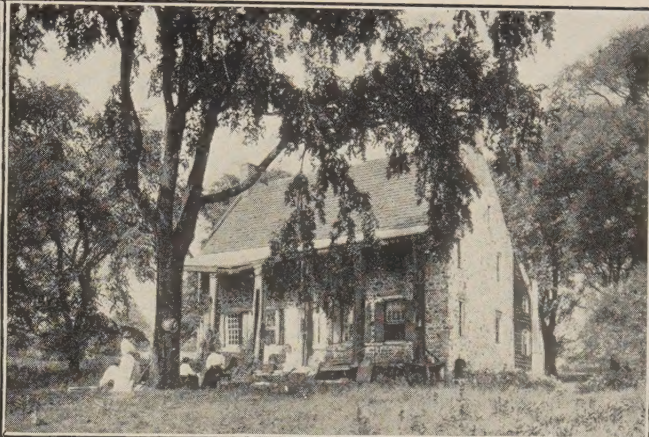
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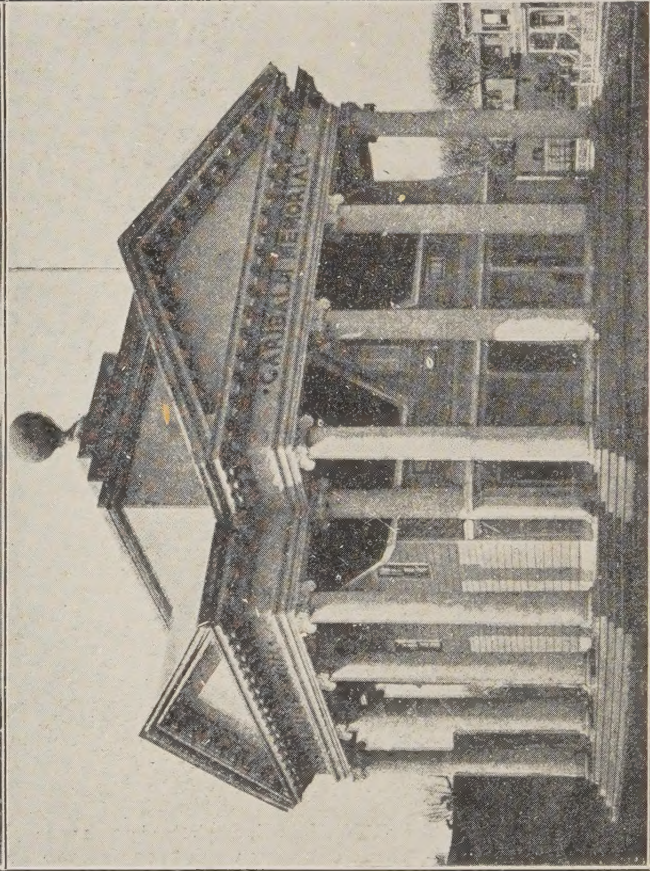
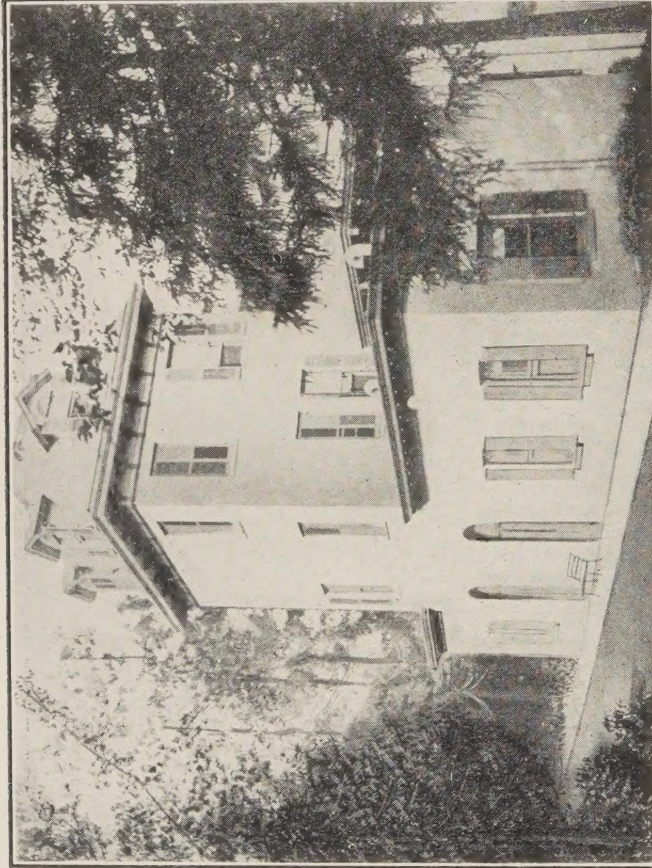


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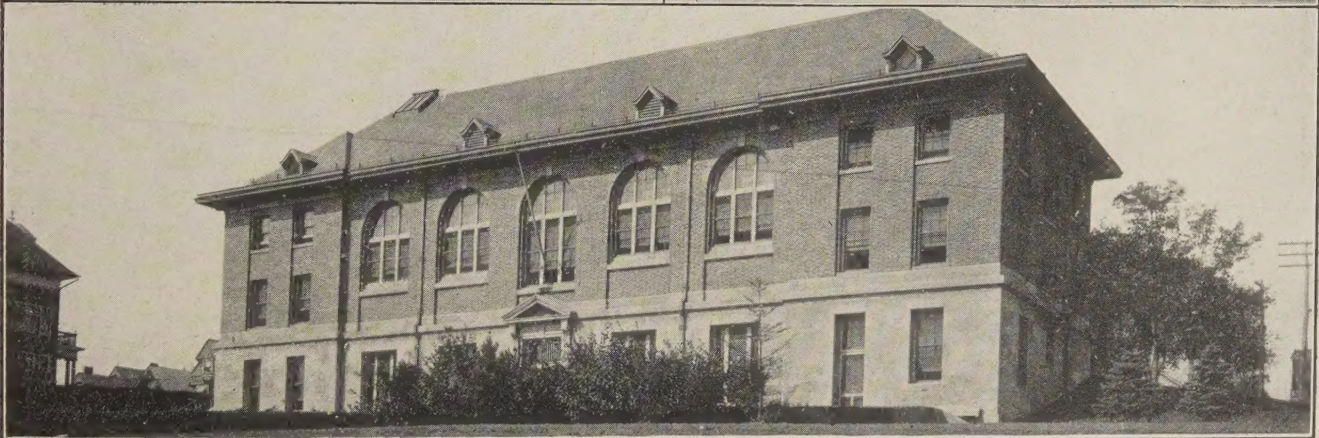
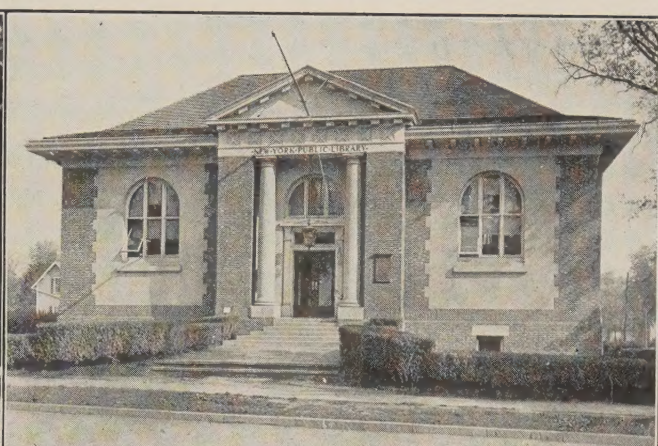
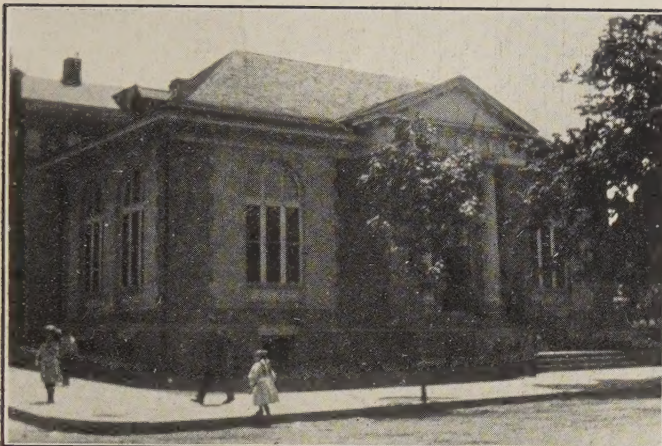


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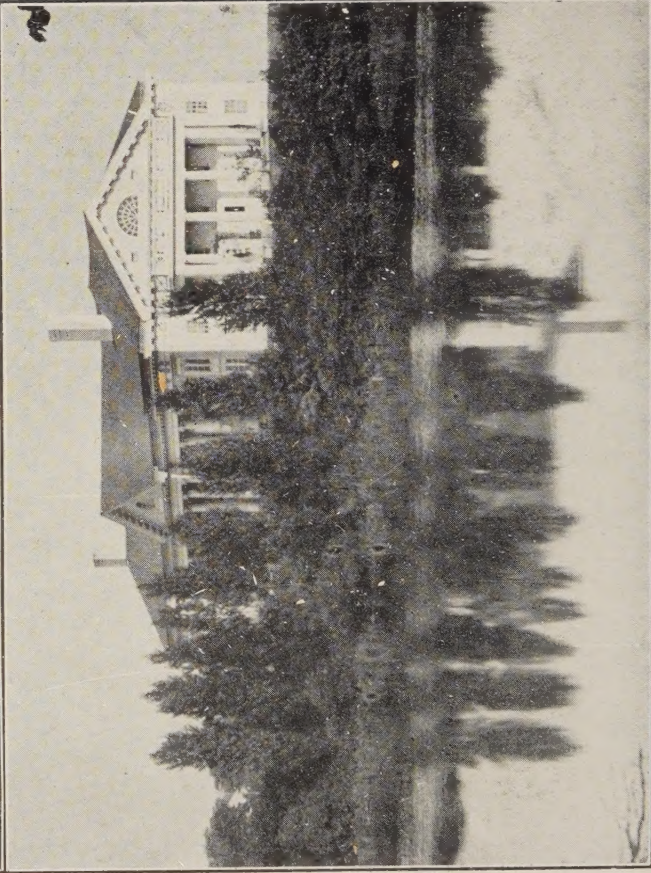
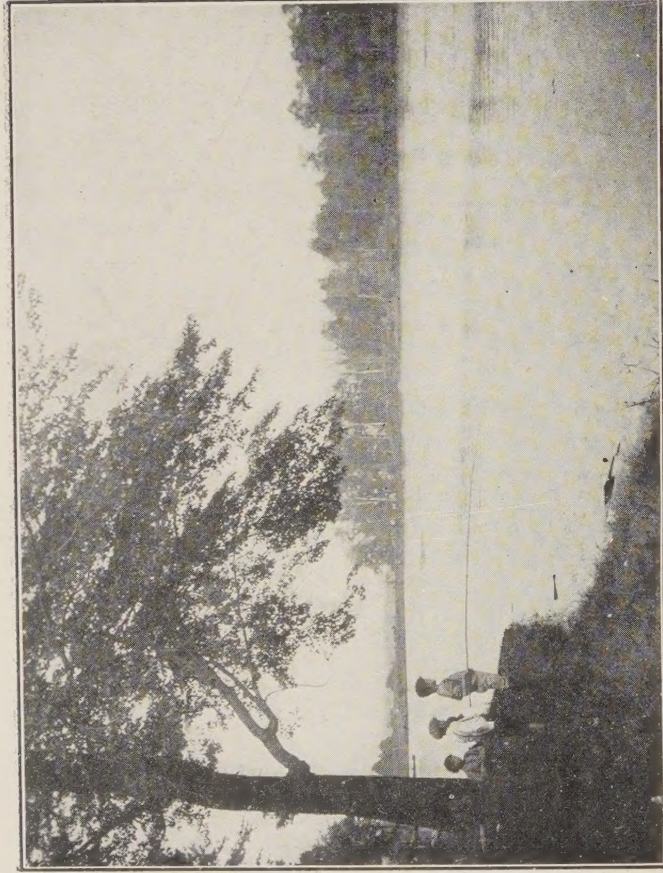
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